Disposable Food Ware Ordinance Prepackaged Food vs. Prepared Food

Prepackaged Food

Not regulated by the DFWO

Prepackaged food is prepared food that is sealed, contained, or wrapped in a manner to protect and prevent the prepared food from having direct human contact, prior to being provided for sale by a food vendor to a customer. **Prepackaged food includes**, but is not limited to, bentos, kimchi, seaweed salad, takuan, tofu, pre-made sandwiches, desserts, pies, noodles, salads, parfaits, and drinks.



Prepared Food

Regulated by the DFWO

Prepared food is food or beverages that are prepared for consumption on or off the premises of a food vendor by cooking, chopping, peeling, slicing, mixing, brewing, freezing, squeezing, or otherwise processed at premises owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the food vendor. Prepared food includes restaurant style food and beverages that are packaged after being ordered and are ready to be consumed without further preparation.

Prepared food does not include raw meat, raw poultry, raw seafood, unprepared produce and uncooked eggs.



Whether or not a food is considered "prepackaged" or "prepared" depends on <u>when</u> it was packaged. If a prepared food is packaged <u>after being ordered</u>, then it is a prepared food. If a prepared food is prepackaged <u>prior to being provided for sale</u>, then it is prepackaged food. For details, exemptions, and frequently asked questions, visit **opala.org**.









